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For: **AN IMPROVED METHOD FOR THE
PRODUCTION AND PURIFICATION OF
ADENOVIRAL VECTORS**

Examiner: M. Mosher

Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2004 in which claims 70-128 were subjected to a two-way restriction requirement whereby Applicants are required to elect one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 70-98, drawn to purification method involving cell growth conditions and a process other than CsCl centrifugation, classified in class 435, subclass 239.

II. Claims 99-128, drawn to purification method involving lysis method other than freeze-thaw, classified in class 435, subclass 239.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 70-98, without traverse, and request the cancellation of claims 99-128, Group II, subject to Applicants' right to refile the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

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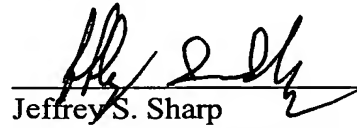
Should the Examiner wish to discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by the paper to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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